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East and West

In the Aristasian Empire there are two eastern provinces (Amazonia and Arcadia) and five western nations (Quirinelle, Kadoria, Trent, Vintesse and Novaria).

The East is far larger than the rest of the Westrenne Empire and while, from the Westrenne point of view, it is a province of the Empire, in some of the further reaches of the East the Westrenne Empress has hardly been heard of. The East - especially the further East - maintains, as far as is possible in the Iron Age, the more ancient ways of life and being. *Estrenne* broadly refers to the province known as Amazonia together with the easterly parts of Arcadia. Amazonia is a Westrenne term and is not used much in the East itself.

The term *Westrenne* usually refers to the five Western provinces plus Western Arcadia. However, Novaria, while part of the West, was settled by Estrennes and has a culture that combines high technics with much of traditional Estrenne culture. *Westrenne* also refers to the dialect spoken in Western Aristasia Pura.

Just as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so the East corresponds to dawn and the West to sunset. In Aristasia the most Easterly provinces have certain external similarities to earlier times in Telluria, and the Western ones to later times.

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